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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

1. The reply filed on 3/11/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant filed amendments on specification and claims intending to correct the structural errors related to the nucleotides. However, the newly amended nucleotide formula does not contain a phosphate group which was *correctly* recited in the original claim. Applicant needs to correct the errors, i.e. with the correct phosphate group, both in the specification and the recited claims accordingly.

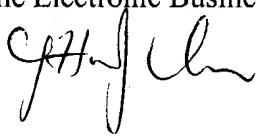
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Cheu whose telephone number is 571-282-0814. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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